		2002	2003	2004
18.	Himachal Pradesh	01	—	—
19.	Manipur	—	—	—
20.	Tripura	—	—	—
21.	Meghalaya	—	—	—
22.	Sikkim	—	—	—
23.	Mizoram	—	—	—
24.	Arunachal Pradesh	—	—	—
25.	Goa	—	—	—
26.	Uttranchal	—	—	—
27.	Chhattisgarh	—	03	—
28.	Jharkhand	—	—	—
29.	Delhi	37	08	16
30.	Andaman & Nicobar Island	—	—	—
31.	Lakshdweep	—	—	—
32.	Dadara & Nagar Haveli	—	—	—
33.	Daman & Diu	—	—	—
34.	Pondicherry	—	—	—
35.	Chandigarh	—	—	—

National Legal Services Authority Scheme

3343. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to meagre allocation of funds for the National Legal Services Authority scheme, the purpose of providing free legal aid to weaker sections of the society has been defeated;

(b) the amount released by Government to various State Legal Services Authorities under sub-section (2) of section 15 of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987; and

(c) the number of people benefited from this scheme since its inception, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) The purpose of providing free legal aid to weaker sections of the society can not be said to have been defeated due to meagre allocation of funds for the National Legal Services Authority scheme. As on 31.12.2004 approximately 75 lakhs persons have been benefited from legal aid scheme since inception. The budgetary allocation for NALSA has already been increased to Rs. 10 crores for the current financial year 2005-2006 from Rs. 5 crore in B.E. 2004-2005.

(b) In terms of Section 4 of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, the National Legal Services Authority allocates funds on financial year basis to the State Legal Services Authorities including Supreme Court Legal Services Committee and also other Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in States for implementation of Legal Aid Programmes and Schemes framed by National Legal Services Authority which includes free legal aid to the weaker sections of the society.

National Legal Services Authority has released funds to the tune of Rs. 5, 02, 60, 226/- to various States Legal Services Authorities/NGOs in States during the last financial year 2004-2005.

(c) A statement showing number of persons benefited from the legal aid schemes since the inception of the State Legal Aid and Advice Boards/ State Legal Services Authorities, to 31st December, 2004, State-wise, is given in the Statement (*See below*).

Statement

(Statement showing Number of persons benefitted from the legal aid scheme since the inception of the State Legal Aid and Advice Board/State Legal Service Authorities to 31.12.2004, State-wise)

S. No.	Name of the State	SC	ST	BC	Women	Childrenin custody		General	Total
1	Andhra Pradesh	5,344	5,078	7,522	4,406	91	29	21.878	44,348
2	Arunachal Pradesh	67	365	46	52	4	18	1,282	1,834
3	Assam	13,552	8,789	467	9,098	796	—	41,951	74,653
4	Bihar	1,501	966	1,265	3,247	318	263	3,972	11,532
5	Chhattisgarh	683	1,164	—	828	8	3,067	3,688	9,438
6	Goa	33	1	307	301	22	752	413	1,829
7	Gujrat	5,920	3,347	—	9,483	338	405	19,624	39,117
8	Haryana	852	79	631	1,426	272	5,302	9,177	17,739
9	Himachal Pradesh	466	74	—	1,648	78	76	3,188	5,530
10	Jammu & Kashmir	833	221	782	11,328	555	174	7,648	21,541
11	Jharkhand	43	82	—	135	43	7	692	1,002
12	Karnataka	6,792	1,918	19,938	8,774	178	—	78,137	115,737
13	Kerala	216	57	178	562	59	2,730	123,447	127,249
14	Madhya Pradesh	204, 204	179,349	57,056	38,573	2,044	10,744	521,654	1,013,624
15	Maharashtra	21,830	12,015	—	45,634	629	6,546	100,324	186,978
16	Manipur	—	18	—	70	12	—	48	148
17	Meghalaya	25	94	1	15	—	2	116	253
18	Mizoram1	41	9,406	863	1,022	263	631	3,727	16,053
19	Nagaland	371	618	441	397	136	542	105	2,610
20	Orissa	28,599	19,151	—	24,681	395	212	32,017	105,055
21	Punjab	5,801	499	4,295	3,442	421	7,823	16,113	38,394
22	Rajasthan	12,417	20,191	2,511	10,285	307	4,506	16,735	66,952

S. No.	Name of the State	SC	ST	BC	Women	Children	in custody	General	Total
23	Sikkim	38	136	18	664	17	482	345	1,700
24	Tamil Nadu	139,005	20,401	—	244,520	621	9,253	936,217	1,350,017
25	Tripura	143	104	7	466	1	45	2,056	2,822
26	Uttar Pradesh	719,801	92,989	553,646	342,445	129,177	14,577	2,234,462	4,087,097
27	Uttaranchal	417	174	—	820	766	22	7,958	10,157
28	West Bengal	1,924	704	658	5,903	472	720	4,389	14,770
29	And. & Nico. Islands	—	—	—	80	—	—	316	396
30	U.T. Chandigarh	34	1	—	164	—	2,098	94	2,391
31	D & Nagar Haveli	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
32	Daman & Diu	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
33	Delhi	2,800	181	255	15,219	104	29,371	47,302	95,232
34	Lakshadweep	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	3
35	Pondicherry	10,564	31	4,302	4,287	3,184	344	1,541	24,253
36	Supreme Court LSC	815	199	1,586	927	19	1,843	8,029	13,418
	TOTAL	1,185,231	378,403	656,775	790,902	141,330	102,584	4,248,648	7,503,873